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Fuels for Advanced Combustion Engines

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Overview

Timeline

- FACE chartered as a Coordinating Research Council working group in January 2006
- Complete FACE diesel matrix available in 2008
- FACE gasoline matrix forthcoming

Budget

- Total project funding:
  - DOE share via labs ~ $550K FY09, similar estimated in FY10
  - CRC members provide cost-share
  - Canadian national laboratories have contributed significant effort
- FY11 funding projection is undetermined

Barriers

VTP Draft MYPP Goals

- By 2015, improve the fuel economy of light-duty gasoline vehicles by 25% and of light-duty diesel vehicles by 40%, compared to the baseline 2009 gasoline vehicle.
- By 2015, improve heavy truck efficiency to 50% with demonstration in commercial vehicle platforms. This represents about a 20% improvement over current engine efficiency.

Partners

Overview

Partners

- Active collaboration of national laboratories and industry partners via CRC has been critical to the success of this project
- Past Annual Merit Review feedback has indicated FACE should be a model for other DOE programs

Relevance

Objective: To develop, characterize, and recommend research fuel sets that can be used broadly in research efforts to provide tie-points between these efforts that will further increase the understanding of fuel property impacts on advanced combustion processes, their efficiency, and their emissions.

1. Complete analysis of diesel research fuels and publish results.
   - Enable correlation of experimental data from combustion studies to physical and chemical properties of fuels.
   - Demonstrate improved tools for fuels characterization.
2. Complete formulation of gasoline research matrix.
   - Monitor production of initial fuel batches.
3. Complete analyses of gasoline research fuels and publish results.
   - Initiate characterization effort when initial batches available.
4. Encourage use of the fuels by interested organizations to enable comparisons of fuel-effects data from a breadth of advanced combustion designs.

FACE working group activities are governed by the FACE mission statement approved by the CRC Board of Directors. It is included in the additional materials for reviewers.

Milestones

These are not formal milestones to DOE, but represent approximate timing for FACE activities.

Month/Year	Milestone
May 2010	**Publish results of full diesel research fuels matrix analysis.** Publication planned on CRC's website as jointly-authored CRC report, "Chemical and Physical Properties of the Fuels for Advanced Combustion Engines (FACE) Research Diesel Fuels".
~ 2010	**Complete formulation of gasoline research fuels matrix.** Plans include availability for public purchase through 3rd party fuel blender.
~ 2010	**Complete initial analysis of gasoline fuels matrix and publish results.**
TBD	**Correlate available engine-based data to fuel physical and chemical properties.**

Approach

- **Bring together a coalition of stakeholders to define matrices of research fuels.**
  - Automakers
  - Engine Manufacturers
  - Energy Companies
  - R&D Organizations

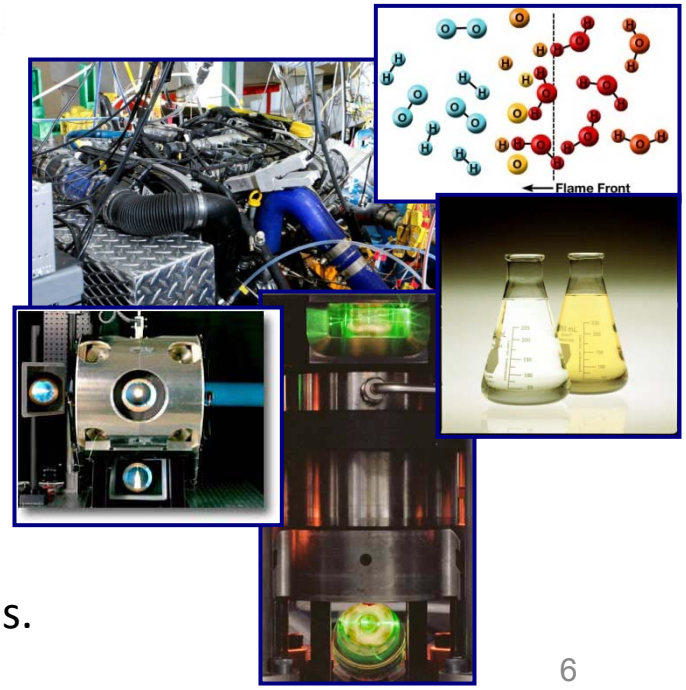
CRC working group structure provided the environment needed to bring stakeholders together for information exchange.

- **Engage a specialty fuel blender to manufacture the designed fuels for sale to interested organizations.**

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP
SPECIALTY CHEMICALS GROUP

End-users can purchase the fuels directly from CPChem, a well-known supplier of specialty fuels.

- **Encourage interested R&D activities to make use of the fuels.**
  - DOE-funded activities
  - Universities
  - Industry



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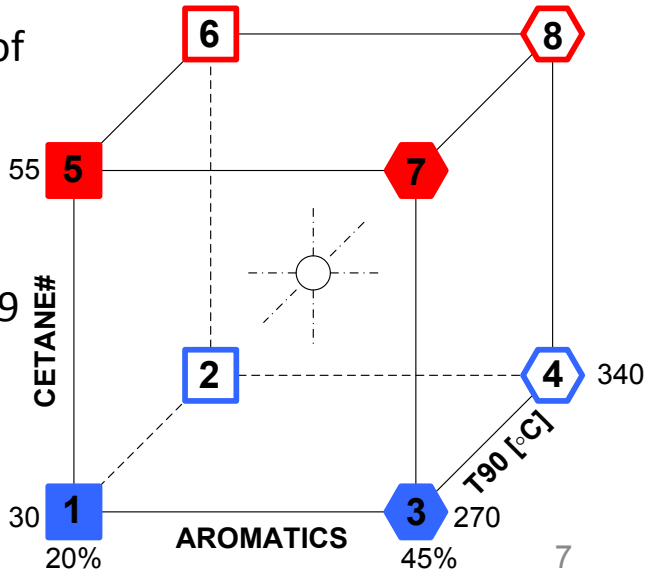
Technical Accomplishments

- Diesel fuel matrix fully-blended and available
  - Ken Wright (ConocoPhillips) played key role in design of matrix and arranging for CPChem to manufacture fuels
  - First batch of fuels expended; second batch blended for purchase.
- Characterization of diesel fuels complete
  - Initial characterization published on CRC's website in late 2008.
  - Brief of full characterization published as SAE 2010-01-2769, "Fuels for Advanced Combustion Engines Research Diesel Fuels: Analysis of Physical and Chemical Properties"; paper also served to introduce FACE diesel matrix to broader engine and fuel research community.
  - Full characterization planned to be published on CRC's website in May 2010, "Chemical and Physical Properties of the Fuels for Advanced Combustion Engines (FACE) Research Diesel Fuels", ~240 pages
- Encouraged R&D activities to use FACE matrix
  - ORNL employed full set in fuel effects studies:
    - High Efficiency Clean Combustion, SAE 2010-01-2669
    - Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition, SAE 2010-01-2645
  - CRC directed study using sub-set of matrix to enable advanced combustion regimes, AVFL-16
  - Other researchers currently planning or conducting studies with FACE diesel matrix

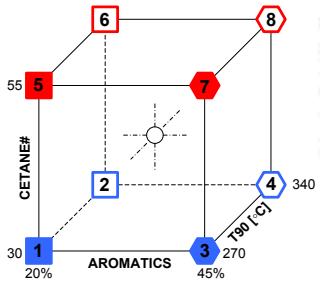


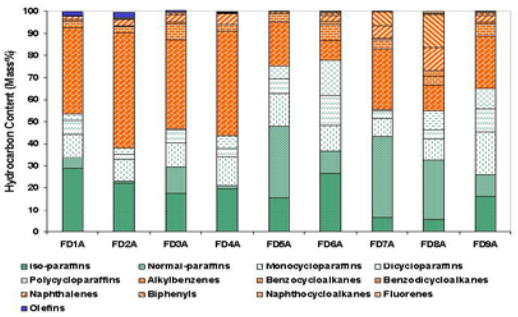
Technical Accomplishments

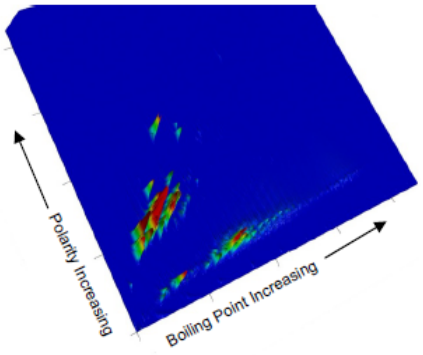
- FACE diesel characterization effort was unique, and included development and application of new techniques to diesel fuel characterization

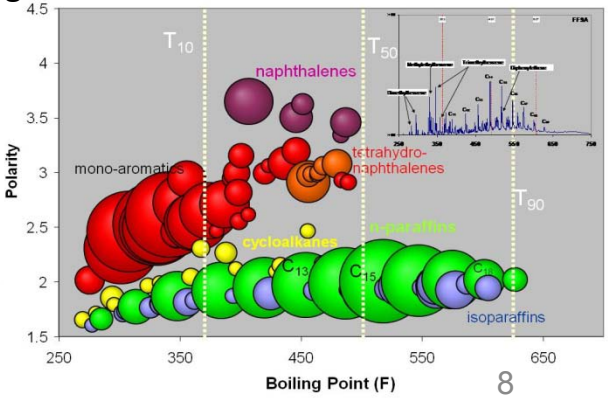
- ASTM test results for:
  - cetane number by D 613 engine test
  - aromatic content by D 1319
  - specific gravity by D 4052
  - kinematic viscosity by D 445
  - cloud point by D 2500
  - flash point by D 90
  - net heat of combustion by D 240
  - cetane index by D 976
  - distillation by D 86 and D 2887
  - lubricity by D 6079
  - hydrocarbons by D 1319
  - aromatics by D 5186
  - hydrocarbons by D 2545
  - elemental analysis by D 5291, D 5453, D 5623, and D 4629
  - bromine number by D 1159

- Ignition Quality Tester studies
  - Derived Cetane Number by D 6890
  - predictive ignition delay time based on parametric ignition experiments
- GC-MS
  - 1-D GC-MS
  - 2-D GC-MS
- 2-D GC with FID
- GC – Field Ionization Mass Spec
- Paraffins, Isoparaffins, Olefins, Napthenes, and Aromatics (PIONA) analysis for hydrocarbons, <200°C
- Saturates, Aromatics, and Polar Compounds (SOAP) -solid phase extraction, <200°C
- solid phase extraction GC-MS plus PIONA
- detailed hydrocarbons plus CG-FIMS
- ^{13}C and ^{1}H Nuclear Magnetic Resonance



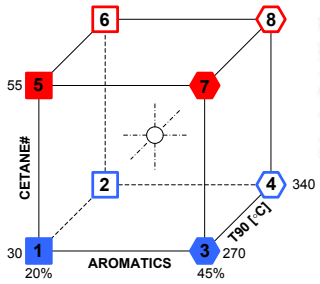


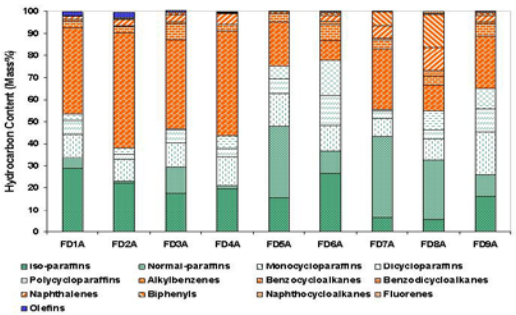


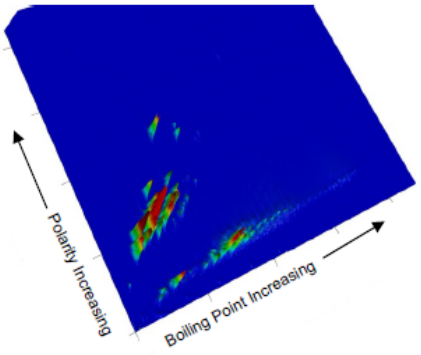


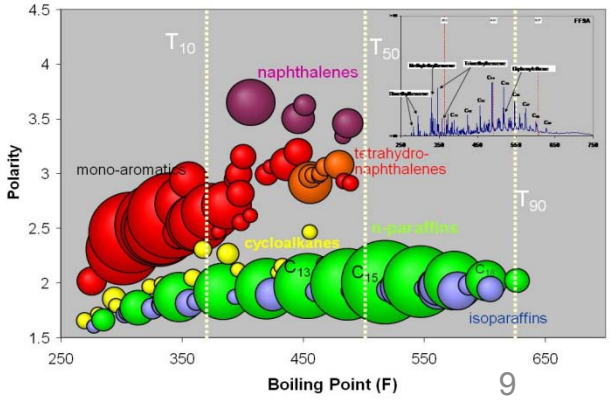
Technical Accomplishments

- The activities with the FACE diesel fuels have provided in-depth analysis of the fuels for use in other research studies:
  - FACE diesel matrix analyzed many ways to enable correlations with combustion data
  - Challenge is to reduce the vast amount of data to a subset useful to the research community
  - Breadth of analysis allow down-selection to the most useful methods for future work
  - These public data will enable researchers to correlate combustion performance across differing combustion strategies and engine platforms with fuel chemistry using common tie-points via FACE parametric research fuels



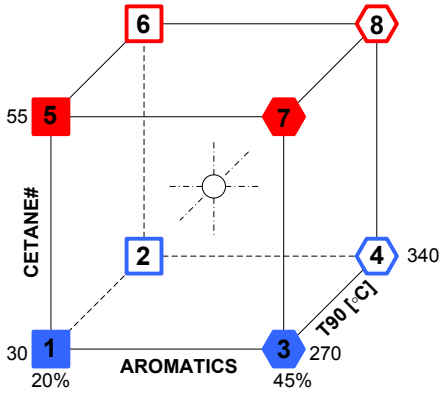






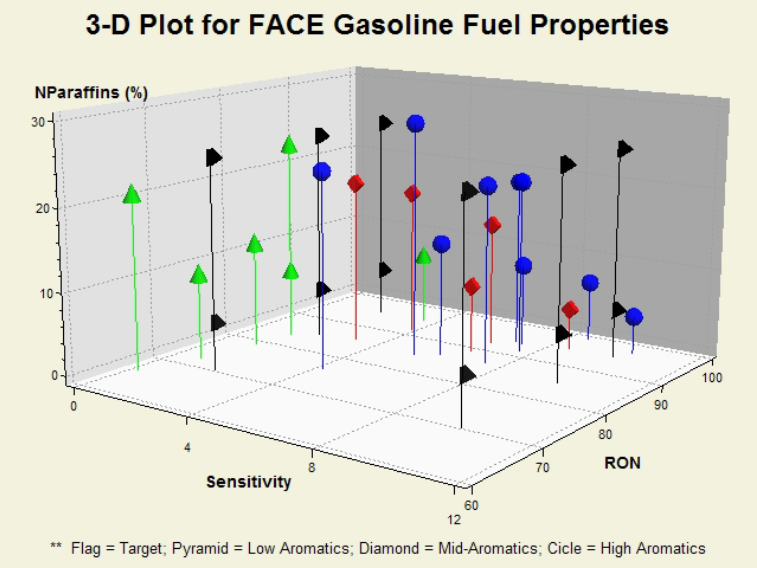
Technical Accomplishments

- The lessons learned from FACE diesel matrix characterization effort also enabled other related research projects:
  - Further development of non-traditional fuel analyses is continuing through collaborations between LLNL, NREL, NCUT, ORNL, PNNL, SNL, and CRC members
  - Development of multi-component diesel surrogate with supporting kinetic model, complementing FACE diesel matrix: AVFL-18
  - Apply advanced characterization techniques to advanced alternative and renewable feedstocks via FACE sub-team: Advanced Alternative and Renewable Fuels (AARF) team
    - While the list is not finalized, AARF is considering:
      - 2nd generation biofuels
        - Non-food sources
          - Jatropha
          - Algae
          - Lignocellulose
          - Other biomass-to-liquid
        - Advanced processing of edible feedstocks
          - Hydrotreated animal fat
          - Hydrotreated soy oil
      - Oil shale
      - Oil sands
      - Other processing, including Fischer-Tropsch



Technical Accomplishments

- FACE gasoline matrix is completing development
- 4-D matrix spans:
  - Research Octane Number (RON), 70-95
  - Sensitivity (RON-MON), 0-12
  - Normal paraffin content, 5-25 vol%
  - Aromatic content, 0-50 vol%
- 58 different fuel designs modeled
- Reduced to 37 candidate fuel blends
- Down-selected to 20 blendable recipes
- Physical properties of 20 hand blends analyzed and studied by John Orban's statistical analysis group (Battelle)
- Based on statistical input, final matrix of ~12 gasoline FACE fuels will be selected
- FACE gasoline matrix tentatively planned to be available for purchase from 3rd party blender in 2010
- Characterization effort will be initiated when first batches are available



Interim prototype design matrix, illustrating approximate FACE gasoline parametric space

Future Work

- Finalize, then enable a fuel blender to manufacture and sell the FACE gasoline matrix
- Perform characterization of FACE gasoline fuels and publish results
- Encourage use of FACE diesel and gasoline research matrix fuels
  - CRC directed study using sub-set of FACE diesel matrix to enable advanced combustion regimes in light-duty engine: AVFL-16 project
- Correlate available engine-based data with FACE fuels to physical and chemical properties.
- Apply techniques developed in FACE diesel advanced characterization effort to related research projects:
  - To address paucity of combustion-related physicochemical data for advanced alternative and renewable fuels via FACE sub-team: Advanced Alternative and Renewable Fuels (AARF) team
  - Complete development of multi-component of multi-component diesel surrogate with full kinetic model, complementing FACE diesel fuel matrix: AVFL-18 project

Summary

- FACE Working Group objective: *To develop, characterize, and recommend research fuel sets that can be used broadly in research efforts to provide tie-points between these efforts that will further increase the understanding of fuel property impacts on advanced combustion processes, their efficiency, and their emissions.*
- FACE Working Group is comprised of industry and national laboratory experts, facilitated by CRC
- DOE and Canadian National Laboratories continue to make significant contributions to CRC FACE Working Group:
  - FACE diesel matrix developed, characterized, and being utilized for combustion / fuels research studies
  - Knowledge gained from FACE diesel matrix characterization effort enabled other related studies:
    - Advanced Alternative and Renewable Fuels sub-team
    - AVFL-18 multi-component diesel surrogate with supporting kinetic model
  - Once FACE gasoline matrix development completed and fuels available from CPChem, expect to perform extensive characterization
  - These parametric fuel sets have created common experimental tie-points, and provide researchers both research fuels and a wealth of data with which to correlate advanced combustion to chemistry

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